CLEAN VERSION OF CLAIMS

1. A process for preparing compounds of the general formula I

$$R^{1} \xrightarrow{A} \xrightarrow{B} D \\ E \\ z$$
 (I)

which comprises reacting compounds of the general formula II

with compounds of the formula R⁴MgX (III) at temperatures below 0°C, where the substituents and variables in the formulae I, II and III have the following meanings:

wherein Z is 0 or 1

wherein X is halogen or R²

wherein X^a is Br, or I

wherein A, B, D and E

independently of one another are CH, CR^2 , N, P or CR^3 wherein F is O, S, NR^6 . CR^2 or CR^3 when z = 0, or CH, CR^2 , N, P or CR^3 when z = 1,

wherein two adjacent variables A, B, D, E or F together optionally form another substituted or unsubstituted aromatic, saturated or partially saturated ring which

has 5 to 8 atoms in the ring and which may contain one or more heteroatoms such as O, N, S, P, and not more than three of the variables A, B, D, E or F being a heteroatom,

wherein R1 is COOR2, CN, CONR3R3, or Halogen

wherein R^2 is substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_3 - C_{10} -cycloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylaryl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylhetaryl, or R^5 ,

wherein R^3 is hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched $-OC_1-C_{10}-alkyl, -OC_3-C_{10}-cycloalkyl, -OC_1-C_4-alkylaryl, -OC_1-C_4-alkylhetaryl, \\ R^{3'} \text{ or } R^5,$

wherein R 3 ' is hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_3 - C_{10} -cycloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylaryl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylhetaryl, or R 5 , wherein R 4 is substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl,

 $\label{eq:c3-C4-alkylaryl} C_3\text{-}C_{4}\text{-}alkylaryl, \ C_1\text{-}C_4\text{-}alkylhetaryl or halogen,}$ wherein R^5 is a solid support,

wherein R⁶ is substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_3 - C_{10} -cycloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylaryl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylhetaryl, substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched -(C=O)- C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, -(C=O)- C_3 - C_{10} -cycloalkyl, -(C=O)- C_1 - C_4 -alkylaryl, -(C=O)- C_1 - C_4 -alkylhetaryl or -SO₂-aryl

where the process is carried out on a solid support (R5).

2. A process as claimed in claim 1, which is carried out in an inert aprotic solvent.

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- 3. A process as claimed in claim 1, which is carried out at temperatures below -15°C.
- 4. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction to give compounds of the formula I as set forth in claim 1 is complete within 10 hours.